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Driving Society of Southern California

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Spectators observing Alex Gibson's Clinic at Pam Miller's equestrian center. Brand new driver Christy Davidson with Lori Weiss on back step; Kate Aparicio driving 4 with owner Pam and clinician Alex along; Emily LaBelle and her VSE and Jan King practicing her circles for Alex.



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*Articles/photos wanted – please
have to me by the 10th of the
month.*

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Hello all,

Spring is almost here.

Time is passing so quickly and the rain is much needed but I am sure we have had enough slipping and sliding in the mud. With more rain on the way continue to be careful while tending to your equine family.

Shamrock ADT is just around the corner and there is lots of work happening to make things just right for March 18th. It looks like it will be a cool day but no rain and I imagine it will be a great day.

Come join the fun and hang out with great people and fantastic horses. It will be wonderful to see many people and I look forward to enjoying the outdoors.

Safe Travels,

Jennifer.

FROM YOUR EDITOR – Veronica Campbell



**HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY TO
ONE AND ALL!!**

Tis the season to be out and about and luckily for the WS we get to go to the Shamrock ADT and watch beautiful equines strut their stuff. Be sure to wear green on the 17th so you don't get pinched.

2023

CALIFORNIA & ARIZONA DRIVING EVENT CALENDAR

March 18	Shamrock ADT Arena Driving Trial	Gray Stone Ranch Phelan, CA	Veronica Campbell t.v.campbell@verizon.net
March 4 & 5	ADT 3 & 4 Arena Driving Trials	Black Canyon City, AZ	arizonacarriage.org
April 20 - 24	Jacques Poppen Clinic	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	Ginny Leal htleal@att.net
April 29 - 30	Spring HDT's Horse Driving Trials	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark @frontier.net
May 27 - 28	Sargent Equestrian Center HDT; Horse Driving Trial	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	sargentequestriancenter.com
June 17 - 18	Summer Festival CDE	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark @frontier.net
July 8 - 9	Freestyle Double D Dressage & Cones	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	sargentequestriancenter.com
Aug 6 - 7	Summer HDTs	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark @frontier.net
Sept 30	ADT 5 Arena Driving Trials	Atonna's Paulden, AZ	arizonacarriage.org
Oct 6 - 8	Clay Station Horse Park CDE Challenge & American Driving Society Preliminary Championships	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark @frontier.net
October 15 & 16	ADT 7 & 8 Arena Driving Trials	Black Canyon City, AZ	arizonacarriage.org
Oct 20 - 21	Sargent Equestrian Center Fall CDE	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	sargentequestriancenter.com
October 28 - 29	Festival of Driving Pleasure Show	Horseshoe Park Queen Creek, AZ	arizonacarriage.org
October 28 - 29	Halloween HDT's	Clay Station Horse Park Wilton, CA	claystationhorsepark @frontier.net
October	Whip'r Snapper Event to be determined		
Nov 19 - 20	Sargent Equestrian Center HDT	Sargent Equestrian Center; Lodi, CA	sargentequestriancenter.com

GREEN - DENOTES WHIP'R SNAPPER SPONSORED EVENTS
Click on the W'rS event and there should be a flyer with more information.
LIGHT BLUE IS AN ADS SPONSORED EVENT

YELLOW IS AN ARIZONA DRIVING & CARRIAGE SOCIETY EVENT

DARK BLUE IS A SARGENT EQUESTRIAN CENTER EVENT;

CDE Tuning Clinics with Maddie on April 21-23, June 9-11, July 21-23, August 25-27 and November 17-19

PURPLE IS A CLAY STATION HORSE PARK EVENT

Saddle and Harness Association is scheduling shows with driving classes at Ingall's Park, Norco, CA dates to be determined.

Note: some dates and events are tentative, check with the local club or sponsoring organization for more information and updates as the year progresses.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DIANE & WAYNE PITZLER

CYNTHIA KISER

KAYLA PARTRIDGE

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events either as competitor's or volunteers. Our next event is the Shamrock ADT, March 18,2023



Whip'r Snapper Board Meeting

February 18, 2023 @ Pam Miller-Mitchell's home in Lake View Terrace, CA

In attendance were Diane Kern; Secretary, Katie Twohy; Treasurer, Marc DiLeo, Lori Weiss, Pam Miller-Mitchell and Kate Aparicio. Also present were Ted and Veronica Campbell and Erin DiLeo.

The minutes from the Annual Meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report:

Katie Twohy reported the balances as of 1/31/2023 were:

Checking; \$1,102.24 which included a transfer of \$500 from savings to avoid a fee.

Savings \$4012.24.

Income of \$90 came from membership and newsletter ads.

Membership Report:

Diane Kern brought up the issue of clarifying the family membership. It was decided that all people residing in the same household would constitute a family no matter their age. Lisa Blank sends out a reminder to all who need to renew their membership and has a page in the newsletter clarifying member renewals. Anyone who has a question can contact her directly. Occasionally in the past members have paid too frequently for multi year memberships. [Lisa B. has said that the overpayments have been cleared up and almost no one seems to pay over the minimum requirement.]

2023 Events:

March 18, 2023; Shamrock ADT (Arena Driving Trial)
at Grey Stone Ranch in Phelan, CA

Marc DiLeo reported on the upcoming ADT in Phelan. He has a goodly number of volunteers but experienced driving knowledgeable volunteers are needed to augment the helpers who have not judged a driving event. There will be four different obstacles with some distance between them. Marc is planning a practice run-through to get his helpers up to speed. Lori Weiss suggested drivers who are not entered could go out and drive for the practice run-through.

He is planning an 8 A.M. drivers meeting. Due to the layout of the property the entrance gate will be closed to cars and trailers at about 8:30. After that time any parking will need to be on the dirt roads outside the venue. There will be no in and out traffic during the day, so bring your bikes and golf carts.

Marc has collected about \$300 in sponsorship money. The Pitzlers are donating the venue. Thank you Diane and Wayne! Not too many entries are in hand but they usually come in at the last minute.

Board Business:

Elections: Pam Miller-Mitchell moved to re-elect Jennifer Russell as President, Katie Twohy as Treasurer, Diane Kern as Secretary and Marc DiLeo as Vice-President. The motion passed unanimously.

Meetings: The first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 was proposed for a regularly occurring board meeting via Zoom/conference call. N.B. The first 40 minutes of Zoom is free then charges apply. Our conference call service is not free but the cost is usually under \$20 or \$30 if people use the toll free number. Katie Twohy will check with USDFD to see which free service they use for their meetings. Some services have connection/audio issues but we have not had trouble with Conference Unlimited. All present agreed on the day and we will make sure the board members not in attendance do not have a conflict. An in person board meeting will be attempted at least once a quarter.

By-laws: Marc DiLeo suggested a committee to review the by-laws which were last updated by Teresa Camarillo in 2011. Katie Twohy will send out a copy of the current by-laws to all board members. No action will be taken until everyone has a chance to read the by-laws. Verification that the by-laws state that we have an educational purpose would be required if we change to a 501(c)(3).

501(c)(3): Marc DiLeo suggested we change from a 501(c)(7) to a 501(c)(3). The advantages would be that donations would be tax deductible. He has been told that the paperwork could be done for \$500. It is a state application to change the status and possibly the club would need to incorporate. An audit by three members and/or a CPA might need to occur annually and additional tax filing paperwork would be involved. Katie Twohy noted that changing back to a 501(c)(7) or closing the club would require donation of all funds back to another 501(c)(3) or to the government.

Pam Miller-Mitchell and Diane Kern noted that we didn't have an easy time getting donations for shows. It didn't seem to matter that we were not offering a tax deduction. Stores were just not interested even when we could show them the ads they could have in the very nice program Veronica Campbell produced for Pleasure Days.

Diane Kern; Secretary

MAY 6TH, 2023 AT 9:30 AM



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WHIP'R SNAPPER

Driving Society of Southern California

The Whip'r Snapper Driving society of Southern California was founded in 1989 to promote the sport of driving and to educate the public about driving, safety and to include the public in our activities and events. We are a non-profit organization and a recognized organization of the American Driving Society (ADS).

More than 100 Whip'r Snapper members represent a variety of skills and interest in driving activities; including serving as officials, organizers and volunteers at events or participating in combined driving, pleasure driving, arena driving, driven dressage or just driving for sport and pure enjoyment.

We also have members who build and restore carriages of all types and distribute a variety of driving equipment. We have several members who are ADS officials and drivers on all levels as well as novice drivers who are just getting started and benefit from the help and advice of veteran drivers.

Numerous events are offered throughout the year to accommodate the varied interests of our members and the driving community. We sponsor two pleasure shows 'Pleasure Days' in early summer, and the 'Halloween Hustle' in October and the 'Sweetheart Arena Driving Trial' in February. We host a variety of events and clinics covering all phases of driving.



You can look forward to pleasure and picnic drives and show with the club throughout the year. We also support driving events sponsored and hosted by other clubs and organizations throughout the western states. Members receive discounted entry fees at club sponsored events and a monthly newsletter, which includes a listing of upcoming events in the Southern California area, educational articles, classified ads and other items of general interest to our membership.

Membership Application Form

- _____ \$30 per year for members receiving their newsletter via email
- _____ \$50 per year for members receiving their newsletter via US Postal Office
- _____ \$100 for a four year membership; receiving their newsletter via email
- _____ \$180 for a four year membership; receiving their newsletter via US Postal Office
- _____ Check if you don't want your information shared with other members

Note your interests: () Recreational Driving, () Combined Driving,
 () Competitive Pleasure Driving, () Driven Dressage

Check payable to; **Whip'r Snapper Driving Society** **Mail to:**

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Driving Society of Southern California

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2022-23

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!!

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PREFERRED PHONE: _____

ADS Membership # _____

Do NOT Distribute In Club Roster _____

ONE-Year: \$30 newsletter via email

\$50 newsletter by post

FOUR-Year: \$100 newsletter via email

\$180 newsletter by post

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: WHIP'R SNAPPER DRIVING SOCIETY and mail to

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Whip'r Snapper Board Meeting

March 8, 2023 via Conference Call

On line were Jennifer Russell; President, Marc DiLeo; Vice-President, Diane Kern; Secretary, Katie Twohy; Treasurer, Lori Weiss, Pam Miller-Mitchell, Elaine Boydston, and Kate Aparicio. Also present were Ted and Veronica Campbell.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Katie Twohy reported the balances as of 2/28/2023 were:

Checking; \$1,300.59.

Savings \$3,513.04.

Marc DiLeo has collected over \$1,000 in sponsorship money. THANK YOU everyone who has contributed to the event. A refund of \$928 from the Apple Valley Horseman's Assoc. was received.

Membership Report:

A few new and renewing memberships have been received by Lisa Blank, membership Chairman.

Board Business:

Meetings: The first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. was confirmed for a regularly occurring board meeting via Zoom/conference call. The time and date will be adjusted as needed by board member commitments.

By-laws and 501(c)(3): The review of the by-laws and exploration of 501(c)(3) status was tabled until the next board meeting.

Insurance: Jennifer Russell reported that the insurance is due in April. The exact price is unknown at this time but will be approximately \$2,200 to \$2,600 for the club insurance and the officers and directors coverage.

2023 Events:



March 18, 2023; Shamrock ADT (Arena Driving Trial) at Grey Stone Ranch in Phelan, CA

Marc DiLeo reported on the upcoming ADT in Phelan. He has 7 entries in hand with 5 or 6 in the mail. Most of the drives are doing the full ADT format.

He is planning an 8:30 A.M. drivers meeting. Due to the layout of the property the entrance gate will be closed to cars and trailers at 8:00 A.M. The gate will be open for walk-in entry. Dressage will start at 9:30 A.M. followed by cones and then we will have a lunch break with the hazards starting after lunch.

Marc has been setting up, flagging hazards, and checking trailer equipment. He was reminded to charge the radios. He has riding volunteers coming and he will try and get experienced driving volunteers at each hazard.

May 6, 2023; ETI sponsored Playday Miller-Mitchell Ranch in Lake View Terrace, CA

Pam Miller and her ETI Corral will host a derby and games playday. Pam will get a flyer prepared for the website and the newsletter.

June 2, 2023; San Bernardino Co. Fair Victorville, CA

Marc DiLeo reported that a fair official got in touch with him about an event at the fair. The club would not need to pay for the use of the arena. The board agreed that a demo with various sized equines and assorted turnouts could do a demo in the equestrian ring on Friday between 5 and 7 P.M. There is some stabling so drivers could come early Friday and stay over if they don't want to drive home late. This would be an opportunity to hand out brochures and showcase driving in So. Cal.

August 4 - 6, 2023; Ventura Co. Fair Seaside Park; Ventura, CA

Draft and Driving Show at the fair. No fireworks this year.

Other Whip'r Snapper Shows

Other shows will be discussed after Shamrock is over. The Chino Hills venue that was discussed last month seemed like a more centrally located and a better venue for a pleasure show than the Victorville fairgrounds. A possibility of overnighting with neighbors would make a two day show more viable.

Diane Kern; Secretary

More people having fun at the Alex Gibson Clinic:
Marc Di Leo enjoying driving Pam's 4.
Kate Aparicio with Winter
Jules Stewart with her pony
Ariel Westberg and her Arabian pony



Everyone raved about the great hamburgers Robin Parker cooked for the clinic lunch and all the great sides available.

Cookies were served for dessert along with lemonade to drink

All enjoyed on Pam's patio.

The clinic drew many observers and Alex didn't disappoint. From early morning until late afternoon Alex talked non-stop. Not only did Alex give great info to the drivers but he also answered questions from the gallery. The weather was cold in the morning but finally warmed up in the afternoon.

